

UNITED STATES OEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

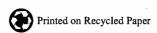
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE Silver Spring, MO 20910

Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update 2004 and 2005 First and Second Semi-Annual Seasons

Below are preliminary landings estimates and remaining quotas as of June 30, 2005, in pounds (lbs) and metric tons (mt) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic swordfish fisheries for the first and second semi-annual seasons of the 2004 and 2005 fishing years. The revised quotas for the 2004 and 2005 fishing years were published in the Federal Register on November 23, 2004 (69 FR 68090). The 2005 annual directed base landings quota for North Atlantic swordfish is 2937.6 mt dw (not adjusted for underharvests), and the annual incidental quota is 300 mt dw. In addition, 150.4 mt dw North Atlantic swordfish quota may be caught between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude. The annual directed base landings quota for South Atlantic swordfish is 75 mt dw (not adjusted for underharvests). A rule proposing to adjust the 2005 quotas based on underharvests should publish soon.

2004 Fishing Year (June 1, 2004, through May 31, 2005)											
	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent					
		mt dw	lbs dw	mt dw	lbs dw	of Quota Taken					
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH											
Directed Fishery First Season	2,517.5	872.5	1,923,481	1,645.0	3,626,600	35%					
Directed Fishery Second Season	2,517.5	602.5	1,328,331	1,915.0	4,221,750	24%					
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	5.9	13,066	294.1	648,314	2%					
Total (Directed)	5,035	1,475	3,251,812	3,560	7,848,349	29%					
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH											
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	334.3	0.0	0	334.3	736,998	0%					





2005 Fishing Year (June 1, 2005, through May 31, 2006)										
	Quota mt dw	Landings		Remaining Quota		Percent				
		mt dw	lbs dw	mt dw	lbs dw	of Quota Taken				
NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH										
Directed Fishery First Season	1,468.8	71.5	157,711	1,397.3	5,392,370	5%				
Directed Fishery Second Season	1,468.8	0.0	0	1,468.8	5,550,081	0%				
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)	300	0.4	834	299.6	660,546	0%				
Total (Directed)	2,937.6	71.5	157,711	2,866.1	10,942,450	2%				
SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH										
Directed Fishery (annual quota)	334.3	0.0	0	334.3	736,998	0%				

This FAX notice is a courtesy to Atlantic swordfish fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/swordfish_catch_statistics.htm or contact Chris Rilling at (301) 713-2347 x127.

for John H. Dunnigan

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries

AUG 1 1 2005

Date